

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant has selected Invention I represented by claims 1-44. Applicant submits herewith new claims 50-56 directed to Invention I. Claims 45-49 have been withdrawn. **The claims remaining in consideration are claims 1-44 and 50-56.** Claims 1 and 18 are the independent claims remaining under consideration. No new matter has been added by this amendment and response.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement, identifying Invention I as "establishing discounted programs for members of an organization," represented by Claims 1-44. Invention II is identified as "processing information over a network" and represented by Claims 45-49. Applicant selects Invention I.

II. Added Claims

Applicant has added new claims 50-56 to the application. Claims 50-56 depend from independent claim 18, which the Examiner has associated with Invention I and Applicant has provisionally selected in this response. These claims are directed to subject matter described in the original specification as filed. Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to paragraphs [0052] to [0121] of the specification. Therefore, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

III. Conclusion

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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